

PEOPLE'S PULPIT...



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MOUNTAINS SWEEP INTO THE SEA

"We Will Not Fear Though the Mountains Be Carried Into the Midst of the Sea" (Psalm xli, 2).

April 10.—Pastor Russell, accompanied by Dr. Jones, who will serve him as stenographer, and by a representative of this Journal, sailed from New York April 5th for Jerusalem—via Paris, Bern, Naples, Alexandria, Cairo and the Pyramids, Jaffa, to Jerusalem and vicinity. His return will be via Rome, Vienna, Warsaw, Berlin, Elberfeld and London. Meetings have been arranged for enroute. His longest stay will be in Great Britain, where about twenty appointments in the principal cities await him. He will be speaking practically every day. His Sunday discourses will be specially reported in these columns. Special interest will center in the discourses at Jerusalem and Rome. The many readers of his sermons will follow the Pastor in his journey with great interest. He is scheduled to be back in Brooklyn June 5th, when his topic will be "Jerusalem." In anticipation of a large audience on that occasion Brooklyn's largest Auditorium, the Academy of Music, has been secured. His sermons now reach six million families weekly, and assuredly many of these wish him God-speed.

On the Atlantic April Tenth.

I have chosen for my text a sea topic, a symbolical prophecy which, I believe, is rapidly nearing fulfillment. All Bible students recognize the fact that many of the Psalms are Messianic; that is to say, they apply to the time of the inauguration of Messiah's Millennial Kingdom. Some of them detail the peace and joy and blessings which will then prevail amongst men, when the great leveling processes of that time will raise all the worthy poor and degraded and will humble all the proud, establishing Society under such new conditions that the new order of things is symbolically styled in the Scriptures "a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Peter iii, 13). Others of the Psalms describe in highly figurative terms the work of the Millennial Age. For instance, we read:

"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee" (Psalm xiv, 3-5). Here the great Redeemer is pictured as the glorious conquering King of the Millennial Age, and his victory over every opposing influence is emphasized—"Unto him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess" (Isaiah xiv, 23). His right hand that will teach terrible things is the symbol of the Divine power which will be exercised at the inauguration of the Kingdom. The sharp arrows which will pierce the enemies to the heart and cause them symbolically to fall before him shall represent his messages of Truth and Grace which then will conquer as they do not now, except in the hearts of the few. A sample of those now slain after this manner by the Word of Truth is furnished us in the account of St. Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost. He preached the Truth plainly, thrusting in the "Sword of the Spirit" up to the hilt. He told his hearers how they and their rulers had crucified the Prince of Life. They were "cut to the heart," and it was the greatest blessing that could have possibly come to them (Acts ii, 23). Similarly during the Millennium, the "arrows" of Truth will smite down all opposition; and mankind, cut to the heart with proper appreciation of their own sinfulness and God's mercy, will fall before the great King, accepting mercy upon his gracious terms—full surrender.

The Day of Trouble Pictured.

The Psalm of which our text is a part is one of the Messianic Psalms. Prophetically and symbolically it tells about the trouble incident to the passing away of the present order of sin and selfishness and the inauguration of the new order of righteousness and love under the great Mediatorial Kingdom of Christ. Whether the events which the Scriptures predict shall come in our day or not, we hold that they will come and be in full compliance with these prophetic pictures. They were surely written for our instruction (II Timothy iii, 16). And as Bible students we do well to take heed to every item of the Divine revelation, that thus we may keep ourselves in touch with the Infinite One and in sympathy with all the features of his great and wonderful Program. Let us note the particulars of the Psalm in detail.

The Refuge of His Saints.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm xli, 1). How beautiful! How comforting! How strengthening! Those who have entered into covenant relationship with God through Christ, through faith and consecration, and who are abiding in his love, may feel serene in any trouble—in every trouble—not merely in the final trouble, with which sin and sorrow will be brought to an end. Not merely when Satan

shall be bound will God be the refuge of his saints, but in all times and under all circumstances "the peace of God which passeth all understanding" will keep the hearts and minds of his faithful.

"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Fear is the great torment of the majority of our race. It is the lash which the Adversary frequently uses to drive away from God those who need his sympathy and love and succor. To such the Lord speaks tenderly saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And again, God declares his name to be Love and says, "Their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men"—not by his Word (Isaiah xxix, 13). He would have us trust him as a great, loving, generous Father, saying, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord compassioneth those who reverence him" (Psalm ciii, 13). As love, more love, perfect love, comes into our hearts it more and more casts out the fear which the Adversary would inculcate and which has burned into men's minds and consciences the "doctrines of devils," to which the Apostle refers (I Timothy iv, 1).

"Fear not their fear, neither be afraid," says the Lord to those who are his people. "Let the peace of God which passeth all understanding rule in your hearts!" Be faithful! Be thankful! Accept the assurance that "All things shall work together for good to those who love God—to the called ones according to his purpose" (Romans viii, 28). This class will not fear when the earth shall be removed and when the mountains shall be carried into the midst of the sea. They might indeed be astonished and in trepidation if these were literal mountains; but they are symbolical. The people of the Lord, under his instruction, will not be in darkness that day; they shall overtake them as a thief, at a time when they will be as a snare upon the whole world (Luke xxi, 35). In the symbolism of the Bible the term *earth* is used to represent the social structure, as the mountains which constitute the backbone of the earth symbolize the kingdoms of the world supported by the social order. As the earth represents the fixity of the social order, the sea represents the restless, turbulent, dissatisfied classes which lash against the earth and continually seek to swallow it up. The removal of the earth symbolizes the disturbance of the social order. The swallowing up of the mountains in the sea represents the overwhelming of some of the great kingdoms of the earth by the uprising of the people in anarchistic rebellion against social order.

"The Powers That Be Ordained of God."

The fact that the Scriptures prophetically describe the overwhelming of the social order and the great governments of the earth must not be understood to signify that the Bible counsels revolution or anarchy. On the contrary, all of God's people throughout the Scriptures are counseled to live peaceably with all men, as far as possible. They are counseled not to use carnal weapons, not to take to the sword for the settlement of disputes, but rather to suffer injury. They are counseled that God is the great Over-Lord, and that although he is not now ruling directly amongst men he is fully the Master of the situation in that he could at any time overthrow all opponents. He does not acknowledge that his will is now done in the earth, but tells us that it will be done by and by and encourages us to pray and to hope and to wait for it. He tells us that Satan is now the "Prince of this world" by virtue of the fact that he deceives the minds and hearts of the majority. God would have his people understand something of his great Program, but he would keep this hidden from all others; hence the impossibility of explaining spiritual things to a carnal mind (I Corinthians ii, 14). "None of the wicked shall understand" (Daniel xii, 10).

The great Creator has contented himself with such a supervision of human affairs as leaves much responsibility in human hands. He merely interferes to raise up or to cast down on occasions when the interest of his Cause and Program may demand. For instance, the case of the Pharaoh, raised to the throne of Egypt, in Moses' day, God there raised to the Throne a man of great determination, and blundered from reaching the throne other men not so favorable to the carrying out of the Divine Purposes. Thus, without interfering with the free moral agency of the king, God used the wrath of man to praise him and the remainder he restrained. Similarly, God previously raised Joseph to the Governorship of Egypt for his own purposes.

The Prophet describes the tumult of that day of overwhelming trouble, when God's Kingdom will be established, saying of the sea that will swallow up the mountains, "The waters roar and are troubled; the mountains shake with the swelling thereof"

(Psalm xli, 3). It is probably true that such socialistic and anarchistic forcings have many times in the past caused the kingdoms of earth and their rulers to tremble. But some day, according to the Scriptures, the final catastrophe will occur. How near that day may be who can tell? Quite a good many earnest Bible students concur in the thought that such a climax is indicated in the prophecies, for the year 1915. But be the date as it may, the fact remains. The prophecy we are examining is nearly three thousand years old, but it is as good, as sure, and as meaningful today as ever it was.

We are not of those who would harass the minds of our fellows with fear. Rather we would point them to the fact that behind this cloud of trouble there is a glorious silver lining of Millennial joy and blessing for all the families of the earth. Rather we would encourage all who have the hearing ear to zeal and faithfulness in their consecration, that they may "make their calling and their election sure" to a share in the Kingdom glories and "escape those things coming upon the earth" (Luke xxi, 30). In a word, the Gospel of Christ is not a message of damnation and fear and torture, but, as the angels declared, "Good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people" (Luke ii, 10).

Deliverance of the Church Pictured.
In the fourth and fifth verses following our text the Church is symbolically pictured as the City or Kingdom of God, his dwelling-place. And the stream of Truth is represented as a river making the City clean and fresh and glad. The proclamation is made, "God is in the midst of her! She shall not be moved! God shall help her early in the morning"—early in the Millennial morning. The Church is to be a "first-fruits unto God." Her salvation as the Bride of Christ will be accomplished early in this Millennial morning. Oh, how glad will be all those accounted worthy of a place in that elect Church—the Church of the First-born, whose names are written in heaven! "She shall not be moved," is in agreement with the first verse in assuring us that God's people will be preserved from fear and doubt and misunderstanding of the events of that "time of trouble" and that their faith will enable them to triumph at a time when others will be in great distress and perplexity (Luke xxi, 26).

The Gentiles Raged.

Beginning with the 6th verse the Prophet gives a brief synoptical picture of the time of trouble and its consummation and the inauguration of universal peace. "The heathen (Gentile peoples) raged!" These words describe the tumult which will prevail amongst humanity in the great time of trouble before the climax is reached. "Raging," angry voices arise from public meetings, and in the more private meetings of the lodges of Labor and Capital, and through the columns of the Press to the extent permitted. In Germany the "raging" Press for some time has been muzzled. The same is true in other nations. In Great Britain, in the United States and in France there is a fear of tumult through public Press "raging," and everything possible is done to restrain it. Whoever sees that anarchy is the most dreadful terror confronting Civilization must realize the wisdom of reasonable restraints upon his own tongue and upon the tongues of others. Nevertheless the Scriptures show us that all effort to suppress the tumult and the angry voices of men selfishly "raging" out against each other will fail.

The prophetic picture continues—"God uttered his voice; the earth melted." The unfaithfulness of humanity, the clamor of greed, both in rich and in poor, will be answered by the Almighty, "Giver of every good and perfect gift." He will "utter his voice," or, as another prophet declares, "He will speak to the people in his anger," for their correction, for their reproof. The result will be that the symbolical earth (society) will melt—the social structure of civilization will disintegrate. Another Scripture declares that that disintegration will be so great that "every man's hand will be against his neighbor."

But the Prophet hastens to assure us that in the midst of all this tumult the Lord will be with his consecrated people. We read, "The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge." This promise applies primarily to the consecrated Church of Christ—Spiritual Israel. But it also secondarily applies to fleshly Israel, the Jewish nation, which will participate in this time of trouble, but be saved out of it, as the Scriptures declare (Jeremiah xxx, 7). In this time of trouble the Lord's jewels, his saints, will be gathered to their heavenly home, after which Divine favor will begin to return to Israel (Romans xi, 25-30).

The Psalm closes with a picture of the devastation which will prevail throughout the world as a result of human selfishness and blindness. Capital and Labor will rise up to a terrible cataclysm of anarchy, awful for rich and poor alike. Only God's saints will then have peace, and that because of their knowledge of the grand outcome; because of their faith in God and their willingness to accept whatever his providence should send. Mark the grand symbolic apostrophe with which the Psalm closes! May its lessons draw us nearer to the Fountain of Grace and give us rest, peace and joy through obedience of heart to him, "He (Immanuel) maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; he breaketh the bow in sunder; he burneth the chariot in fire. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen (Gentiles); I will be exalted in the earth."

NAMES

Of Persons Drawn From The Wheel On Friday

To Serve On The Grand Jury And Petit Jury

At The May Term Of Common Pleas Court

George Beenev Granted A Divorce On Thursday

Other Items Of Interest From The Court House

The grand jurors and petit jurors for the May term of common pleas court were drawn from the wheel Friday morning by Clerk of Courts Belmont and Sheriff Parker. The grand jurors report the first Monday in May and the petit jurors one week later.

Grand Jury

H. L. Messmore—Hilliar.
Frank M. Moore—Middlebury.
Allen Davidson—Hilliar.
Ira Ewart—Clay.
Lewis Bechtel—Berlin.
George S. Hamilton—Morgan.
Ernest Talloss—Morgan.
A. O. Wyker—Wayne.
Jacob Vicory—Middlebury.
Bryant Williams—Berlin.
Charles W. Blackburn—Clay.
Fred Merrin—Fourth Ward.
Edward B. Gorsuch—College.
John A. Cassil—Howard.
Chancey V. Purdy—Pleasant.

Petit Jury

M. C. Gilbert—Hilliar.
Albert Doup—Pike.
Peter Weaver—Miller.
Isaac Lohr—Fourth Ward.
Herman Cochran—Second Ward.
E. O. Arnold—Third Ward.
E. J. Stansfield—Second Ward.
Ellis Wilson—Butler.
Robert Darling—Wayne.
George Keys—Clinton.
William Bricker—First Ward.
John Conkle—First Ward.
Albert Wolfe—Union.
John Seymour—Second Ward.
W. O. Thatcher—Liberty.
Thomas J. Bradfield—Jefferson.
Harker Lybarger—First Ward.
Exry Turney—Pike.
Fred Amos—Middlebury.
A. L. Blue—College.

Granted a Divorce

In the case of George Beenev vs. Grace Beenev a divorce was granted the plaintiff by Judge Wickham in the court of common pleas late Thursday afternoon on the grounds of gross neglect. During the hearing of the case some letters, alleged to have been written by the defendant to the young men, which were of an exceedingly sensational character, were introduced and read in the court room. The plaintiff was given the custody of the child.

Adjourned Sine Die

At five o'clock Thursday afternoon, Judge Wickham adjourned the February term of Common pleas court sine die.

Damage Suit

Craig Bebout and Mame Bebout have commenced a suit for damages in the court of common pleas of Knox county against J. C. and Rose Winn. The plaintiffs say that on April 1, 1910, they found an agreement whereby they were to lease from the defendants 70 acres of land in Middlebury township. The plaintiffs claim that the defendants now refuse to execute the deed and that they have been damaged to the extent of \$1,500 for which sum they ask judgment. The attorney for the plaintiffs is William H. Thompson.

The Timms Case

In the matter of the exceptions to the account of Cornelius Timms as executor of A. W. Timms, Judge Wickham in the court of common pleas Thursday afternoon sustained a portion of the motion and overruled another portion.

Deeds Filed

Lawrence King to Thomas King, 119 acres in Howard, \$1.
Lawrence King to Julius King, 147 acres in Howard, \$1.
J. J. Reed to Clarence Harris, 28½ acres in Pike, \$1,500.
Mame D. Barrett to Ezekiel Clements, 20½ acres in Clinton, \$3,000.

SHORT LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cummings of Fredericktown spent Friday in Mt. Vernon with friends and relatives.

Mr. Harry G. Slinguff returned last night from a business visit in Pittsburg.

Mr. George Beck went to Columbus Friday morning to spend several days with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Sally Ball of Pittsburg is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry G. Slinguff, East Vine street.

Mrs. J. T. Welshimer and Mrs. James A. Schaeffer went to Columbus Friday morning to spend the day.

Mr. John Beach and Mr. Clarence Higby went to Centerburg Friday morning on business.

Mr. Hugh Neal went to Centerburg Friday morning to transact some matters of business.

Mr. M. W. Critchfield of Howard spent Thursday and Friday in Mt. Vernon on business.

Charles Scott was taken from his home near Amity to the Mt. Vernon hospital Friday morning in Chappel-ear & Co's ambulance.

Mr. John O'Neill of Columbus spent Thursday in Mt. Vernon, attending to some matters of business.

Drs. W. E. and J. F. Shrontz of Martinsburg spent Friday in Mt. Vernon attending the meeting of the Knox County Medical Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cummings of Fredericktown were visitors in the city today, being enroute to Columbus.

Miss Adelaide Koons went to Columbus Friday morning to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. C. Garfield Snow went to Columbus today to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ensinger.

Captain Lanning Parsons left Friday morning for Cheyenne, Wyoming, enroute to Ft. D. A. Russell of that state, to resume command of his post.

Mrs. Von Shellhart of Wooster, who is visiting Rev. and Mrs. James S. Revennagh, went to Columbus today to visit with friends.

Mr. Omar Foote and Mr. Ralph Mast, C. A. & C. operators, went to Columbus this afternoon to see the Cleveland-Columbus baseball game.

Mr. John Elder has returned to his home on North Mulberry street after finishing the winter season as orchestra leader at Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Ida McClellan of Butler is spending several days in Mt. Vernon, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Horace Daniels of East Gambier street.

Miss Lucy Ewing went to Cincinnati today to accompany her sister, Miss Alice Ewing, back to her home in this city, the letter having recently undergone an operation at a Cincinnati hospital.

Mr. John Starnar has accepted a position with a drug store, which will open in Newark on April 25. Mr. Starnar will assume his duties in about two weeks.

Mr. James Debes left Friday morning for New York where he will spend

several days attending to some matters of business.

Mrs. Victor Debes left Friday morning for her home in Pittsburg after a several days' visit with relatives and friends in Mt. Vernon.

Dr. and Mrs. M. O. Pamphreys of Akron, arrived in Martinsburg Friday to attend the funeral of Dr. Pamphreys' grandmother, Mrs. Celia Pamphreys.

Miss Veve Holt returned to her home in Chesterville Friday after spending several days in Sparta, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Mary Dove.

Thomas Smith, who was injured by falling into a pit at the Camp Glass works, and who has been at the Knox county jail, was removed to the Knox county infirmary Thursday by Supt. McManis. Smith is improving and will be able to leave the institution in a few weeks.

Mrs. John Van Eman and daughter, Amy, left Friday morning for Washington, C. H., where they will visit with Mrs. Van Eman's sister, Mrs. Sally Binegar for several days. From there they will go to Elgin, Ohio, for several days and then leave for their home in Garland, Wyoming, where they will

reside in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lowney of near Galena, Ohio, are spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of East Chestnut street.

Mrs. Clyde Weaver of North Gay street left Saturday morning for Lima, where she will spend several days, the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. L. White.

Dr. and Mrs. William Stout and daughter, Mrs. Bartlett, of Killbuck spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dorsey and family of South Vernon.

Mrs. F. Countryman returned to her home in Danville Saturday morning after a several days' visit with Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Snow of East Hamtramck street.

Mr. Charles White, who is attending school at Ohio Wesleyan college at Delaware, Ohio, returned to resume his studies Saturday morning after a several days' visit with relatives and friends in Mt. Vernon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Bogardus left Saturday noon for Washington, Pa., where they will spend several days, the guest of their daughter, Mrs. Ruth Anderson.

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